

Microtis cupularis

Name and Authority

Microtis cupularis (D.L.Jones & G.Brockman) A.P.Br.

Synonyms (previous names)

Microtis orbicularis subsp. cupped labellum; Hydrorchis cupularis; M.sp. 'Windy Harbour'

Common Name

Cupped Mignonette Orchid

Complex Name

Microtis atrata (Dwarf Mignonette Orchids)

Originally Described by

David Jones & Garry Brockman in The Orchadian 14(11): 518-519, Fig. 1 (2005) as Hydrorchis cupularis

Distribution and Habitat

Three Springs to Albany with disjunct populations east of Esperance, growing in sandy-clay and clay soils in seasonally wet areas that remain moist into early summer. It is not unusual to find flowering plants growing in several centimetres of water.

Flowering Months

Jan Sep Oct Nov Dec

Description

A swamp loving species 150–350 mm high with a smooth tubular leaf 100–300 mm long by 2–3 mm wide and up to 30 yellowish-green or dull brownish-red, self-pollinating flowers 2–3 mm across. The species previously known as Late Cupped Mignonette Orchid (M. sp. 'Windy Harbour') is now considered a form of M. cupularis.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the related Dark Mignonette Orchid (Microtis orbicularis) by its incurved petals and sepals and cupped labellum.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



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